

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A receiving apparatus for receiving a broadcast transmission comprising:

5 a signal-processing unit for processing the received signal;

a judgment device for determining whether or not it is possible to process the signal by said signal-processing unit; and

10 a control device for stopping operation of said signal-processing unit or of later stages after said signal-processing unit when said judgment device determines it is not possible for said signal-processing unit to process the signal.

2. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

15 said control device comprising; a power-supply-cut-off device for cutting the power supply to said signal-processing unit or said later stages; and

said control device stops operation of said signal-processing unit or said later stages by cutting the power supply by said power-supply-cut-off device.

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3. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said receiving apparatus further comprising a memory device for storing judgment criteria; and wherein

25 said judgment device determines whether or not said signal processing is possible based on said judgment criteria stored in said memory device.

4. The receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein  
said receiving apparatus further comprising a criteria-change device  
for changing said judgment criteria based on data contained in the  
received signal.

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5. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said signal-processing unit is a tuner that amplifies a signal  
received by an antenna.

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6. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said signal-processing unit is a demodulation unit that extracts  
data by demodulating the received signal.

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7. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said signal-processing unit is an error-correction unit for removing  
code error.

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8. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said signal-processing unit is a demultiplexing unit that separates  
sent data that have been multiplexed.

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9. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said signal-processing unit is a decoding unit that returns the  
encoded data source to the original data.

10. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said control device performs control such as to stop unnecessary

operation according to instructions from the user.

11. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said judgment device determines whether or not signal processing is  
5 possible based on the receiving power.

12. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said judgment device determines whether or not signal processing is  
possible based on whether or not synchronization is obtained during  
10 demodulation.

13. The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said judgment device determines whether or not signal processing is  
possible based on the bit-error rate during error correction.  
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14. The receiving apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
said judgment device determines whether or not signal processing is  
possible based on the bit-error rate during decoding.

20 15. A receiving method of receiving a broadcast transmission  
comprising:

a signal-processing process of processing the received signal;  
a judgment process of determining whether or not it is possible to  
process the signal in said signal-processing process; and  
25 a control process of stopping the operation of stages after the  
signal-processing unit, which executes signal processing in said  
signal-processing process, when it is determined in said judgment

process that said signal processing is not possible.